

## CHAPTER

## 3

## SECTION 1

## READING COMPREHENSION

## Basic Principles

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1. Use your knowledge of the outline of the Constitution to answer the questions below.
  - A. Which articles establish the basic structure of the National Government?  
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  - B. Which section would you consult to find out how to amend the Constitution?  
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  - C. Which section deals with the relationship of State government to the Federal Government?  
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  - D. Which section explains the purpose of the Constitution?  
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  - E. Which section establishes that the Constitution takes priority whenever a State or federal law conflicts with the Constitution?  
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2. Complete the chart below by explaining the meaning of each principle and then answering the questions.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Popular Sovereignty</b></p> <p><b>Meaning:</b></p>	<p>How does the government exercise popular sovereignty?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Limited Government</b></p> <p><b>Meaning:</b></p>	<p>What are two other terms used to express the concept of limited government?</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Separation of Powers</p> <p>Meaning:</p>	<p>How does separation of powers contribute to limited government?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Checks and Balances</p> <p>Meaning:</p>	<p>Why does the President tend to select judges that most senators favor?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Judicial Review</p> <p>Meaning:</p>	<p>When a court declares a law unconstitutional, what does this mean?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Federalism</p> <p>Meaning:</p>	<p>In what way did federalism represent a compromise made by the Framers?</p>

3. The Preamble to the Constitution has often been quoted for its eloquence and for its significance to American government and history. Memorize these lines and practice them with a partner.